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Dear Colleague:

The 2004 NightinGala, *Nursing Research: The Professions Commitment to the Public Trust*, will be held on October 6 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. This event will be held in conjunction with the State of the Science Conference, October 7-9. FNINR is expecting the largest turnout ever with over 1,000 nurse researchers, deans of nursing schools, presidents of medical schools, faculty, senior management of health-related associations, corporate and community leaders as well as members of Congress and their health care and legislative staffs.

Our Keynote Speaker will be Elias A. Zerhouni, MD. He is the 15th director of the National Institutes of Health, a post he has held since May 2, 2002. As NIH director, Dr. Zerhouni provides overall leadership to NIH activities in both scientific and administrative matters.

An educational event will be held during the afternoon of October 6, and Dr. Zerhounis has been invited to serve as the moderator of the panel discussion. Given that nurses have the public's trust, panel members will be asked to address: what role can nurse researchers play in informing and advising the public about important aspects of the research enterprise (informed consent, human subject protections, protection of data, etc.); and can all nurses as well as nurse researchers invest in a public campaign to learn more about biomedical research, its risks and benefits, and then teach the public about research in the usual course of a day (*additional details will be forwarded as they are finalized*).

Please plan to attend both of these events. Attached is a fact sheet, along with an application form. Tables are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. I would encourage you to complete the application and forward it, along with your payment, to the National office as soon as possible.

We hope to see you in October.

Sincerely,

Gregory Eastwood, MD
President

Nancy M. Valentine, PhD, RN, FAAN
Vice President & Gala Committee Chair

2004 NightinGala

Nursing Research:

The Professions Commitment to the Public Trust

Fact Sheet

When and where is the 2004 NightinGala? The upcoming event will be held on Wednesday, October 6 in Washington, DC at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in conjunction with the State of the Science Conference (SOS).

A block of sleeping rooms is being held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. Make your reservations early by contacting the Hotel at 202-393-2000 or 800-228-9290. Identify yourself as a State of the Science Conference participant. The rate is \$199 single/double plus 14.5 percent tax.

Make your reservations to the NightinGala early. *Table placements are on a first-come, first-served basis.*

What is the schedule for the evening's events?

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Reception & Poster Session

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Dinner

- Presentation of Videotape Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson
- Presentation of FNINR Pathfinder Award(s)
- Keynote Address by NIH Director Elias Zerhounis

The Reception will feature a poster session presenting research of some of the most renowned nurse investigators in the country who have been funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research. Twelve investigators were honored at the 2003 poster session:

Who and how many will be in attendance? FNINR is expecting the largest turnout ever with over 1,000 nurse researchers, deans of nursing schools, presidents of medical schools, faculty, senior management of health-related associations, corporate and community leaders as well as members of Congress and their health care and legislative staffs.

Who is the Keynote Speaker? Elias Adam Zerhouni is the 15th director of the National Institutes of Health, a post he's held since May 2, 2002. As NIH director, Zerhouni provides overall leadership to NIH activities in both scientific and administrative matters.



Born in Nedroma, Algeria, Zerhouni earned his medical degree at the University of Algiers School of Medicine in 1975. He spoke almost no English when he arrived in the United States at age 24, but he completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at Johns Hopkins in 1978. In 1979, he was appointed assistant professor, and associate professor in 1985. From 1981 to 1985 he worked in the department of radiology at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Dr. Zerhouni was appointed director of the MRI division at Johns Hopkins in 1988, professor in 1992 and then became chairman of the radiology department in January 1996.

Prior to assuming his duties at the NIH, Zerhouni was executive vice dean of Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine, where he developed a strategic plan for research and helped reorganize the school's academic leadership. He also led efforts to restructure the school of medicine's clinical practice association. Zerhouni also served as chair of the of the school's radiology and radiological science department, and professor of radiology and biomedical engineering.

Zerhouni has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine since 2000 and has served on the National Cancer Institute's board of scientific advisors since 1998. In 1988, he was a consultant to the World Health Organization, and in 1985 he was a consultant to the White House under President Ronald Reagan.

Zerhouni became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1990. He is fluent in English, French and Arabic. He and his wife Nadia Azza, a pediatrician, have three children.

Will there be other events held in conjunction with the NightinGala? An education event will be held during the afternoon of October 6, and Dr. Zerhouni has been invited to serve as the moderator of the panel discussion. It will related to the theme of the Gala, *Nursing Research: The Professions Commitment to the Public Trust*. Given that nurses have the public's trust, panel members will be asked to address: what role can nurse researchers play in informing and advising the public about important aspects of the research enterprise (informed consent, human subject protections, protection of data, etc.); and can all nurses as well as nurse researchers invest in a public campaign to learn more about biomedical research, its risks and benefits, and then teach the public about research in the usual course of a day. (*Agenda will be forwarded at a later date.*)

What is the cost of a table? A table of ten is \$1,900, and individual tickets are \$190. Tabled are placed throughout the dinner room on a *first-come, first-served basis*. It is encouraged you forward your registration form and payment as soon as possible.

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Nursing Research: The Professions Commitment to the Public Trust

Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

Wednesday, October 6, 2004
6:00 – 10:00 PM

TABLE PRICE - \$1,950
INDIVIDUAL TICKET - \$195

Table Purchasers: Print the name & affiliations of participants who will be seated at your table.

Individual Ticket Purchasers: Print the contact information below.

Table Sponsor_____

Name_____

Contact Name_____

Contact Address_____

Contact Phone/Fax/E-Mail_____

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check(s) or Money Order(s) should be made payable to: FNINR

____ VISA ____ MasterCard

Account No._____ Exp. Date_____ Amount_____

Name on Card_____ Signature_____

Cancellations must be in writing and received by September 14, 2004 to receive a refund. A \$50 processing fee will be charged for cancellations.